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SUBJECT: COMPLAINT RE TRUK DISTRICT

DOTA NO. 052-MS

PASS IMMEDIATELY TO FLOYD FAGG, COMPTROLLER FOR GUAM/TTPI.  
YOU ARE TO IMMEDIATELY UNDERTAKE A SPECIAL AUDIT/INQUIRY  
INTO THE CHARGES CONTAINED IN THE LETTER QUOTED IN FULL  
BELOW. YOUR REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL AUDIT  
MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE FINANCIAL MANAGER WITHIN TWO WEEKS.  
HE WILL DISCUSS IT WITH YOU BY TELEPHONE.

QUOTE DEAR MR. ZEDER:

I AM WRITING TO EXPRESS MY CONVICTION OF THE NEED OF AN  
AUDIT AND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY IN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT  
OF MICRONESIA, ESPECIALLY IN TRUK DISTRICT.

THE LATEST EXAMPLE OF WASTE THAT BOTHERS ME IS AS FOLLOWS:  
ALL OF A SUDDEN ONE OF THE DEPARTMENTS AT SAIPAN DIS-  
COVERED THEY HAD 200,000 DOLRS THAT MUST BE SPENT OR THEY  
WOULD LOSE IT. THEY DECIDED THAT IN THE TRUK DISTRICT ONE  
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WAY OF SPENDING THE MONEY WAS TO BRING SOME STUDENTS HOME

FOR THE SUMMER AND PAY THEIR ROUND TRIP TICKETS. THESE

STUDENTS ARE TO TEACH ENGLISH AND MATH TO 8TH GRADE STUDENTS AND TO GRADUATED SENIORS WHO ARE TO ATTEND COLLEGE IN THE U.S. THIS FALL. WHILE HERE THEY ARE EACH TO RECEIVE 75 DLRS A WEEK FOR SIX WEEKS. EACH OF THEIR ROUND TRIP TICKETS WILL COST FROM 700 TO 1,000 DOLLARS. THE 15 STUDENTS SELECTED ARE MAINLY RELATIVES, FRIENDS, AND ACQUAINTANCES. AFTER THE LIST WAS MADE OUT A LEADING OFFICIAL IN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ORDERED THAT TWO OF HIS RELATIVES BE PLACED ON THE LIST FOR TICKETS TO COME HOME. SINCE SIX STUDENTS HAVE ALREADY COME HOME ON THEIR OWN, THEIR NAMES ARE INCLUDED TO BE REIMBURSED FOR THEIR TICKETS. HAVING YACHT AT LEAST ONE OF THESE STUDENTS AT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE U.S., I AM SURE THAT SOME OF THESE STUDENTS ARE NOT QUALIFIED TO TEACH EITHER ENGLISH OR MATH, AS THEIR OWN TRAINING HAS BEEN BASICALLY REMEDIAL. THE STUDENTS THEY ARE TO TEACH HAVE NOT YET BEEN RECRUITED. IN THE MEANTIME AT LEAST FOUR CONTRACT ENGLISH TEACHERS AND ONE MATH INSTRUCTOR (MYSELF) - ALL WITH MASTERS DEGREES - ARE REQUIRED TO LOG IN FOR EIGHT HOURS A DAY WITH NOTHING TO DO EXCEPT WHATEVER WE CHOOSE. I REQUESTED TO ATTEND SUMMER SCHOOL IN HAWAII DURING THE SUMMER AT MY OWN EXPENSE IN ORDER TO HELP PREPARE A MATH CLINIC FOR INDIVIDUALIZED INSTRUCTION (SINCE I HAD NO OTHER ASSIGNED DUTIES FOR THE SUMMER) AND IT WAS DENIED, UNLESS I ALSO BE ABSENT WITHOUT PAY. SO INSTEAD I SIT AND MAKE UP PROJECTS FOR THE SUMMER.

ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF WASTE OR OUTRIGHT GRAFT IS THE PURCHASE OF TWO HOGS AND A WATERBUFFALO FROM RELATIVES OF HIGH EDUCATION OFFICIALS OR CAFETERIA WORKERS FOR AT LEAST TWICE THE LOCAL MARKET PRICE FOR USE IN THE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA. WHILE SEARCHING FOR INVOICES IN THE LOCAL FILES, INVOICES FOR LARGE AMOUNTS OF CASH WERE SEEN HAVING BEEN PAID TO EDUCATION OFFICIALS FOR "FOOD FOR THE CAFETERIA."

TRUK DISTRICT RECEIVED A 75,000 DOLLAR TITLE ONE GRANT FOR A COUNCILING-RECREATION PROGRAM. PART OF THE GRANT WAS UNCLASSIFIED

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FOR SALARIES FOR TWO RECREATION DIRECTORS. THIS POSITION THESE POSITIONS WERE NEVER ADVERTIZED AND WHEN QUALIFIED PERSONS APPLIED, THEY WERE TOLD THERE WERE NO SUCH OPENINGS. THIS MONEY IS EITHER STILL WAITING TO BE SPENT OR WAS SPENT OUTSIDE THE INTENT OF THE GRANT.

ONE EDUCATION OFFICIAL IS LIVING AT THE CONTINENTAL HOTEL

HOTEL (WHERE ROOMS START AT 30 DOLLARS PER DAY) WITH SOME OF HIS RELATIVES AT THE TAXPAYERS EXPENSE WHILE OTHER

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RELATIVES AND FRIENDS ARE LIVING RENT FREE IN TWO OTHER HOUSES (GOVERNMENT) ASSIGNED TO HIM. IN ADDITION, I HEAR, HE ALSO RECEIVES 100 DOLLARS PER MONTH HOUSING ALLOWANCE.

SEVERAL GOVERNMENT HOUSES ARE BEING OCCUPIED BY LOCAL PEOPLE (RELATIVES OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS) RENT FREE WHILE CONTRACT PERSONNEL ARE BEING PAID TO FURNISH THEIR OWN. THE PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR IS BEING FORCED TO LIVE IN VERY SUBSTANDARD HOUSING BECAUSE THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR SAYS THERE IS NO HOUSING AVAILABLE.

IN MY OPINION, THE LOCAL OFFICIALS ARE AWARE OF MUCH OF WHAT IS GOING ON, BUT BECAUSE OF THE CLAN AND FAMILY STRUCTURE ARE UNWILLING OR UNABLE TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT. THE TRUK LEGISLATURE SEEMS OFTEN TO HAVE AS ITS PURPOSE TO GET MONEY FROM THE U.S. AND SPEND IT RATHER THAN TO HELP THE MICRONESIAN PEOPLE.

I AM SENDING SIMILAR LETTERS TO SEN. MARK HATFIELD, SEN. HENRY JACKSON, REP. DON BONKER, AND COLUMNIST JACK ANDERSON. YOURS TRULY, HOOD SIMON. END QUOTE. ACTING DOTA RICE SENDS.

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